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SUBJECT: CONSTITUENTS OF SENATOR MCGOVERN REQUEST
ASSISTANCE IN SCHEDULING FOOD STUDY VISIT TO INDIA

1. SENATOR GEORGE MCGOVERN HAS INFORMED THE DEPARTMENT THAT ONE OF HIS CONSTITUENTS, FATHER BILL WALSH OF CAVOUR, SOUTH DAKOTA, PLANS TO LEAD A GROUP OF FIVE PERSONS TO INDIA FOR A 15-DAY VISIT "TO INVESTIGATE THE FOOD SITUATION THERE AS IT RELATES TO U.S. PRODUCTION CAPABILITIES AND THE NUTRITIONAL NEEDS OF THE CITIZENS OF INDIA".

2. SENATOR MCGOVERN ADVISES THAT THE GROUP WILL ARRIVE IN NEW DELHI ON OR ABOUT FEBRUARY 3. THEY MAY ALSO BE VISITING CALCUTTA AND BOMBAY.

3. THE SENATOR HAS REQUESTED THE ASSISTANCE OF THE EMBASSY IN "ARRANGING A SERIES OF APPOINTMENTS WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER. RATHER THAN FINALIZING APPOINTMENTS AT THIS TIME, IT MIGHT BE BETTER IF WE COULD HAVE A LIST OF 'POSSIBLE APPOINTMENTS' WHICH FATHER WALSH AND HIS GROUP COULD REVIEW SO THAT THEY COULD INSURE THAT THEY WILL MESH WITH OTHER APPOINTMENTS THEY WILL HAVE ARRANGED ON THEIR OWN."

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4. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE PREPARE A LIST OF

POSSIBLE APPOINTMENTS TOGETHER WITH ANY OTHER SUGGESTIONS
EMBASSY MAY HAVE FOR FATHER WALSH AND HIS GROUP SO THAT
WE MAY PASS THEM TO SENATOR MCGOVERN. KISSINGER

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